# EXHIBIT "A"

(Complaint)

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SUPREME COURT OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK COUNTY OF QUEENS

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LAUREN VASQUEZ,

SUMMONS

Plaintiff,

Plaintiff designates Queens County as the place of trial.

-against-

The basis of venue is: Location of the Occurrence

J. B. HUNT TRANSPORT, INC. and NICHOY M. TRACEY

> Location of the Occurrence: Braddock Avenue, at or near its -----X intersection with Ashford Street, County of Queens, State

Defendants.

of New York.

#### To the above named Defendants:

You are hereby summoned to answer the Complaint in this action, and to serve a copy of your Answer, or, if the Complaint is not served with this Summons, to serve a Notice of Appearance on the Plaintiff's attorneys within twenty (20) days after the service of this Summons, exclusive of the day of service, where service is made by delivery upon you personally within the state, or, within thirty (30) days after completion of service where service is made in any other manner. In case of your failure to appear or answer, judgment will be taken against you by default for the relief demanded in the Complaint.

Dated: Forest Hills, New York March 9, 2020

Yours, etc.

KEVIN G. LILLIS, ESQ.

MULLANEY & GJELAJ, PLLC Attorneys for Plaintiff

100-09 Metropolitan Avenue Forest Hills, New York 11375

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TO: J. B. HUNT TRANSPORT, INC. P.O. Box 130 615 J.B. Hunt Corporate Drive Lowell, Arkansas 72745

> NICHOY M. TRACEY 1019 Stuyvesant Avenue Irvington, New Jersey 07111

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LAUREN VASQUEZ,	VERIFIED COMPLAINT

Plaintiff,

-against-

J. B. HUNT TRANSPORT, INC. and NICHOY M. TRACEY

Defendants.
Plaintiff, by her attorneys, MULLANEY & GJELAJ, PLLC, complaining of the
Defendants, respectfully alleges, upon information and belief:

- On or about the 15<sup>th</sup> day of March 2018, and at all times herein mentioned,
   Plaintiff, LAUREN VASQUEZ, was, and still is a resident of the County of New York,
   State of New York.
- On or about the 15<sup>th</sup> day of March 2018, and at all times herein mentioned,
   Defendant, NICHOY M. TRACEY, (hereinafter referred to as "NICHOY") was, and
   still is a resident of the County of Essex, State of New Jersey.
- 3. On or about the 15<sup>th</sup> day of March 2018, and at all times herein mentioned, Defendant, J. B. HUNT TRANSPORT, INC. (hereinafter referred to as "J. B."), was, and still is, a foreign business corporation, duly organized and existing under and by the virtue of the laws of the State of Georgia.
- 4. On or about the I5<sup>th</sup> day of March 2018, and at all times herein mentioned, Defendant, **J. B.**, was, and still is, a foreign business corporation, authorized to conduct, transact and do business in the State of New York.
- On or about the 15<sup>th</sup> day of March 2018, and at all times herein mentioned,
   Defendant, J. B., was the owner of a 2016 International Box Truck motor vehicle bearing
   Oklahoma State license plate number 2WE781.

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On or about the 15<sup>th</sup> day of March 2018, and at all times herein mentioned,
 Defendant, J. B., was the owner of a 2016 International Box Truck motor vehicle bearing
 Oklahoma State Vehicle Identification Number 3HSDJAPR6GN195717.

- On or about the 15<sup>th</sup> day of March 2018, and at all times herein mentioned,
   Defendant, J. B., managed a 2016 International Box Truck motor vehicle bearing
   Oklahoma State license plate number 2WE781.
- On or about the 15<sup>th</sup> day of March 2018, and at all times herein mentioned,
   Defendant, J. B., managed a 2016 International Box Truck motor vehicle hearing
   Oklahoma State Vehicle Identification Number 3HSDJAPR6GN195717.
- On or about the 15<sup>th</sup> day of March 2018, and at all times herein mentioned,
   Defendant, J. B., maintained a 2016 International Box Truck motor vehicle bearing
   Oklahoma State license plate number 2WE781.
- 10. On or about the 15<sup>th</sup> day of March 2018, and at all times herein mentioned, Defendant, J. B., maintained a 2016 International Box Truck motor vehicle bearing Oklahoma State Vehicle Identification Number 3HSDJAPR6GN195717.
- 11. On or about the 15<sup>th</sup> day of March 2018, and at all times herein mentioned,
  Defendant, J. B., controlled a 2016 International Box Truck motor vehicle bearing
  Oklahoma State license plate number 2WE781.
- 12. On or about the 15<sup>th</sup> day of March 2018, and at all times herein mentioned, Defendant, J. B., controlled a 2016 International Box Truck motor vehicle bearing Oklahoma State Vehicle Identification Number 3HSDJAPR6GN195717.
- 13. On or about the 15<sup>th</sup> day of March 2018, and at all times herein mentioned, Defendant, J. B., supervised a 2016 International Box Truck motor vehicle bearing Oklahoma State license plate number 2WE781.
  - 14. On or about the 15th day of March 2018, and at all times herein mentioned,

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Defendant, J. B., supervised a 2016 International Box Truck motor vehicle bearing Oklahoma State Vehicle Identification Number 3HSDJAPR6GN195717.

- On or about the 15th day of March 2018, and at all times herein mentioned. 15. Defendant, J. B., performed repairs to a 2016 International Box Truck motor vehicle bearing Oklahoma State license plate number 2WE781.
- On or about the 15th day of March 2018, and at all times herein mentioned, 16. Defendant, J. B., performed repairs to a 2016 International Box Truck motor vehicle bearing Oklahoma State Vehicle Identification Number 3HSDJAPR6GN195717.
- On or about the 15th day of March 2018, and at all times herein mentioned, 17. Defendant, NICHOY, was the operator of a 2016 International Box Truck motor vehicle bearing Oklahoma State license plate number 2WE781.
- On or about the 15th day of March 2018, and at all times herein mentioned. 18. Defendant, NICHOY, was the operator of a 2016 International Box Truck motor vehicle bearing Oklahoma State Vehicle Identification Number 3HSDJAPR6GN195717.
- On or about the 15th day of March 2018, and at all times herein mentioned, 19. Defendant, NICHOY, managed a 2016 International Box Truck motor vehicle bearing Oklahoma State license plate number 2WE781.
- On or about the 15th day of March 2018, and at all times herein mentioned. 20. Defendant, NICHOY, managed a 2016 International Box Truck motor vehicle bearing Oklahoma State Vehicle Identification Number 3HSDJAPR6GN195717.
- On or about the 15th day of March 2018, and at all times herein mentioned, 21. Defendant, NICHOY, maintained a 2016 International Box Truck motor vehicle bearing Oklahoma State license plate number 2WE781.
  - On or about the 15th day of March 2018, and at all times herein mentioned, 22.

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Defendant, NICHOY, maintained a 2016 International Box Truck motor vehicle bearing Oklahoma State Vehicle Identification Number 3HSDJAPR6GN195717.

- 23. On or about the 15<sup>th</sup> day of March 2018, and at all times herein mentioned, Defendant, NICHOY, controlled a 2016 International Box Truck motor vehicle bearing Oklahoma State license plate number 2WE781.
- 24. On or about the 15<sup>th</sup> day of March 2018, and at all times herein mentioned, Defendant, **NICHOY**, controlled a 2016 International Box Truck motor vehicle bearing Oklahoma State Vehicle Identification Number 3HSDJAPR6GN195717.
- 25. On or about the 15<sup>th</sup> day of March 2018, and at all times herein mentioned, Defendant, NICHOY, supervised a 2016 International Box Truck motor vehicle bearing Oklahoma State license plate number 2WE781.
- 26. On or about the 15<sup>th</sup> day of March 2018, and at all times herein mentioned, Defendant, NICHOY, supervised a 2016 International Box Truck motor vehicle bearing Oklahoma State Vehicle Identification Number 3HSDJAPR6GN195717.
- 27. On or about the 15<sup>th</sup> day of March 2018, and at all times herein mentioned, Defendant, NICHOY, performed repairs to a 2016 International Box Truck motor vehicle bearing Oklahoma State license plate number 2WE781.
- 28. On or about the 15<sup>th</sup> day of March 2018, and at all times herein mentioned, Defendant, NICHOY, performed repairs to a 2016 International Box Truck motor vehicle bearing Oklahoma State Vehicle Identification Number 3IISDJAPR6GN195717.
- 29. On or about the 15<sup>th</sup> day of March 2018, and at all times herein mentioned,
  Defendant, NICHOY, operated a 2016 International Box Truck motor vehicle bearing
  Oklahoma State license plate number 2WE781 with the permission of Defendant, J. B..
  - 30. On or about the 15th day of March 2018, and at all times herein mentioned,

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Defendant, NICHOY, operated a 2016 International Box Truck motor vehicle bearing Oklahoma State Vehicle Identification Number 3HSDJAPR6GN195717 with the permission of Defendant, J. B.

- On or about the 15th day of March 2018, and at all times herein mentioned, 31. Defendant, NICHOY, operated a 2016 International Box Truck motor vehicle bearing Oklahoma State license plate number 2WE781 with the knowledge of Defendant, J. B.
- On or about the 15th day of March 2018, and at all times herein mentioned, 32. Defendant, NICHOY, operated a 2016 International Box Truck motor vehicle bearing Oklahoma State Vehicle Identification Number 3HSDJAPR6GN195717 with the knowledge of Defendant, J. B..
- On or about the 15th day of March 2018, and at all times herein mentioned. 33. Defendant, NICHOY, operated a 2016 International Box Truck motor vehicle bearing Oklahoma State license plate number 2WE781 with the consent of Defendant, J. B..
- On or about the 15th day of March 2018, and at all times herein mentioned, 34. Defendant, NICHOY, operated a 2016 International Box Truck motor vehicle bearing Oklahoma State Vehicle Identification Number 3HSDJAPR6GN195717 with the consent of Defendant, J. B..
- On or about the 15th day of March 2018, and at all times herein mentioned, 35. Defendant, NICHOY was an employee of Defendant, J. B..
- On or about the 15th day of March 2018, and at all times herein mentioned, 36. Defendant, NICHOY operated the aforementioned motor vehicle bearing Oklahoma State license plate number 2WE781 within the scope of his employment with Defendant, J. B..
  - On or about the 15th day of March 2018, and at all times herein mentioned, 37.

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> Defendant, NICHOY operated the aforementioned motor vehicle bearing Oklahoma Vehicle Identification Number 3HSDJAPR6GN195717 within the scope of his employment with Defendant, J. B.

- 38. At all times herein mentioned, Braddock Avenue, at or near its intersection with Ashford Avenue in Queens County, New York, was/were public roadways and/or thoroughfares.
- 39. That on March 15, 2018, Plaintiff, LAUREN VASQUEZ, was operating her motor vehicle at the above-mentioned location.
- 40. That on March 15, 2018, Defendant, NICHOY, was operating the aforementioned motor vehicle at the above-mentioned location.
- 41. That on March 15, 2018 at the aforementioned location, the motor vehicle owned by Defendant, J. B., and operated by Defendant, NICHOY, came into contact with the motor vehicle operated by Plaintiff, LAUREN VASQUEZ.
- 42. That as a result of the aforesaid contact, Plaintiff, LAUREN VASQUEZ, was injured and sustained severe and permanent injuries.
- 43. That the above-stated occurrence and the results thereof were in no way due to any negligence on the part of the Plaintiff contributing thereto, but were caused by the joint, several and/or concurrent negligence of the Defendants and/or said Defendants' agents, servants, employees and/or licensees in the ownership, operation, management, maintenance and control of their said motor vehicle.
- 44. Defendants were negligent, careless and reckless in the ownership, management, maintenance, supervision, operation and control of their aforesaid vehicle and Defendants were otherwise negligent, careless and reckless under the circumstances then and there prevailing.
  - That Defendant, J. B. was negligent in its hiring, employment and/or 45.

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retention of Defendant, NICHOY.

46. That by reason of the foregoing, Plaintiff, LAUREN VASQUEZ, sustained severe and permanent personal injuries and was otherwise damaged.

- 47. Said injuries are permanent in nature and duration, and were caused, precipitated, aggravated and/or exacerbated by the occurrence herein. That to the extent the above injuries, conditions and/or diagnoses are shown to pre-date the accident, then such injuries, conditions and/or diagnoses were latent, asymptomatic and inactive, and as a result of this accident, were activated, aggravated, accelerated and exacerbated therein.
- 48. That Plaintiff, LAUREN VASQUEZ, sustained serious injuries as defined by §5102(d) of the Insurance Law of the State of New York.
- 49. That Plaintiff, LAUREN VASQUEZ, sustained serious injuries and economic loss greater than basic economic loss as defined by §5104 of the Insurance Law of the State of New York.
- 50. That this action falls within one or more of the exceptions set forth in CPLR §1602 and specifically paragraph six (6) thereof.
- 51. That Plaintiff, LAUREN VASQUEZ, is not seeking to recover any damages for which Plaintiff has been reimbursed by no-fault insurance and/or for which no-fault insurance is obligated to reimburse Plaintiff. Plaintiff is seeking to recover only those damages not recoverable through no-fault insurance under the facts and circumstances in this action.
- That by reason of the foregoing, Plaintiff, LAUREN VASQUEZ, has been 52. damaged in an amount that exceeds the jurisdictional limits of all Courts that would otherwise have jurisdiction.

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WHEREFORE, Plaintiff, LAUREN VASQUEZ, demands judgment against the

Defendants in the amount that exceeds the jurisdictional limits of all Courts that would otherwise have jurisdiction.

Dated: Forest Hills, New York March 9, 2020

Yours, etc

KEVIN G. LILLIS, ESQ. MULLANEY & GJELAJ, PLLC

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Attorney Verification

I, KEVIN LILLIS, ESQ., an attorney admitted to practice in the Courts of New York

State, state that I am the attorney of record for the plaintiff in the within action;

I have read the foregoing SUMMONS AND VERIFIED COMPLAINT know the contents

thereof, the same is true to my knowledge, except as to those matters therein stated to be alleged

upon information and belief. The reason this verification is made by me and not by plaintiff is

because the plaintiff reside outsides of the county where deponent maintains his office.

The grounds of my belief as to all matters not stated upon my own knowledge are as

follows: conversations with plaintiff, records, reports, and correspondence in your deponent's

file.

I affirm that the foregoing statements are true, under the penalties of perjury.

Dated: Forest Hills, New York

March 9, 2020

KEVIN LILLIS, ESO.

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